



Members of Gallaudet University's Young Scholars Program and Summer Science Program enjoy an excursion to Baltimore's Inner Harbor July 11.

Youth and exuberance: Summer Science Program at Gallaudet

By Mary Thornley
 This summer, 12 students on the Gallaudet campus from June 26 to July 23 dropped balls into flour, created tables of weights and measurements based on the results, and graphed their findings. They studied nutritional needs and drew up menus for astronauts. They looked at space suits and tested their designs for durability in a space environment, and they created computer models of the moon's rotation.

The students were enrolled in Gallaudet's Summer Science Program, four weeks of intensive study for advanced students with demonstrated excellence in science and mathematics. The program attracts those with an interest in biology, chemistry, and physics, and it's open to deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students.

"I start with the premise that science is for everyone," said Dr. David Snyder, a professor in the Chemistry and Physics Department and the program's instructor. "The best way to have students learn science is to have them do it the same way as real scientists: think, criticize, measure, debate, publish, and review."

Vesna Ivancic, who is hearing,

has just finished her first year at Harvard Medical School. In seventh grade, her Honors Science Club sold M&Ms in order to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., where she met deaf students for the first time. One of her goals this summer was to learn more ASL.

Jackie Wilson grew up oral. "I wanted to understand sign language so badly," Jackie wrote, "So I learned it very quickly, like in two months."

Norris Williams has a boundless enthusiasm for science. He used an interpreter during his program of study because he is deaf and blind.

Although they look like ordinary students, their summer was all but ordinary. They theorized over the trajectory of impact craters, the possibility of human colonization of the Moon, lunar observation, and Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, a deaf Russian astronomer born in 1857. "He was the first person to study rocket-powered space travel as a science rather than as a mere fantasy," Tieshia Montgomery says of her newly found hero.

Most of the students plan to continue with science as a profession. Two students said they hope to become doctors and one wants to become a marine biologist. 

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Young Scholars Program, a symbol of cultural exchange

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 "I was very happy to participate in this trip and will never forget it," writes a student from India. "Personal Discovery activities most impressed me, gave me confidence."

This summer Gallaudet is host to 37 students, 20 from India, as part of an interactive, two-tiered Young Scholars Program. YSP was established in 1985 as an intensive residential summer institute for gifted and talented deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing teenagers interested in the performing arts.

Many of those visiting this summer were influenced through their contact with "Road Signs," the name for the YSP group which visited India last year. Led by Astad Deboo, an internationally acclaimed dancer and choreographer, the 17-member delegation of students, professional performing artists, and staff members spent three weeks in 1998 on a performance and workshop tour that combined dance, mime and American Sign Language in a series of short pieces titled 'Road Signs.'

The company conducted workshops in visual theatre, modern dance, hip-hop, interpersonal communication and teamwork. At the conclusion of each workshop, local deaf dancers entertained the tour group with a variety of classi-

cal Indian dances. It was when the group traveled to Calcutta that they invited a number of Indian deaf actors to participate in Gallaudet University's YSP program this year.

Twenty Indian students accepted the invitation and joined 17 other students, most of whom are Americans, to participate in the study of Romania this summer. The plan is that next year the group will then tour Romania.

Bubla Ganguly, one of the Indian students remembers, "I met them in Calcutta and worked with them for three days and I came to know about Gallaudet's program. In my first week at YSP I met many new friends."

"In this three-week program, I have learned how to dance and mime," said Vinky Kakkad another Indian YSP student. "It was wonderful and beautiful."

On July 23, the full cast of 37 members of YSP performed *The Man Who Married His Death*, a skit based on a Russian novel. The performance was directed by guest artistic director Mihai Malaimare, from Romania.

Another group of YSP students, who studied about South Africa last year, is touring South Africa and Mexico this summer. 

PCNMP Happenings

Embarking upon an Odyssey

By Susan M. Flanigan
 This fall, Pre-College National Mission Programs (PCNMP) will launch a new magazine called *Odyssey*.

It will be published four times a year and distributed free of charge to approximately 18,000 teachers, parents, administrators, and support staff.

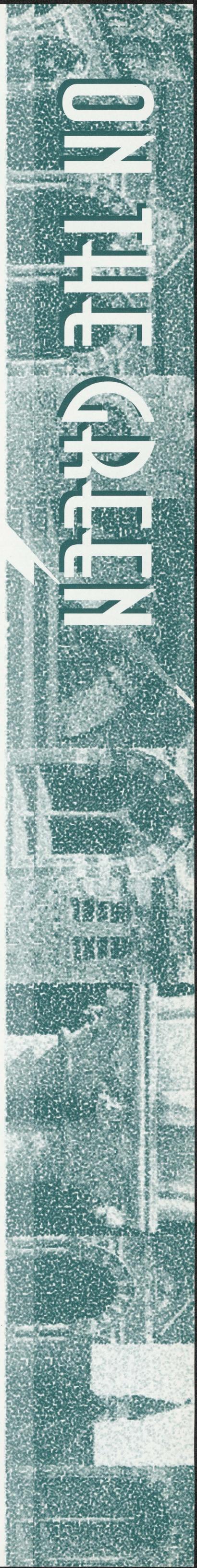
Odyssey will replace two PCNMP publications, *Preview* and *Perspectives in Education in Deafness*.

The new magazine will feature articles about projects, programs,

and products related to literacy, family involvement, and transition, and PCNMP's collaborative efforts with schools and programs around the country.

In addition, *Odyssey* will publish articles by former contributors to *Perspectives*, as well as new authors about what is happening in deaf education nationwide.

If you would like to receive *Odyssey* and are unsure if you are on the PCNMP mailing list, send an e-mail with your name and address to: marteal.pitts@



UP CLOSE

By Mike Kaika

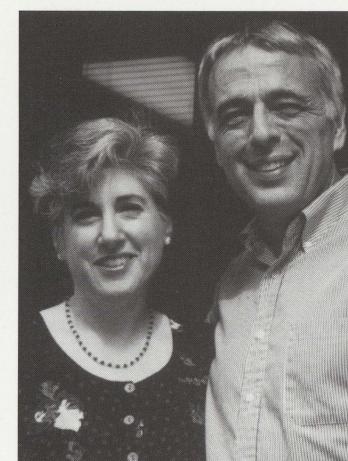
Dan and Ivey Wallace— togetherness, 24 hours a day

Gallaudet has always prided itself on being a tight-knit community. This is apparent considering the number of husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, and other family relations employed at the University. Some employees even began their courtships on Kendall Green, which eventually led to a trip to the alter.

Dan Wallace and Ivey Pittle are one of these couples who met while working at Gallaudet. They are colleagues in the Gallaudet University Press (GUP). Ivey began working for GUP in July 1980. She is a managing editor who works with authors, overseeing the entire process from the manuscript phase to the final print edition.

After Ivey received her bachelor's degree from Miami-Ohio in 1974, she came to Gallaudet as a graduate student and received her master's degree in deaf education in 1977. She then taught at the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Conn., for three years. "I was born and raised in the D.C. area and wanted to move back here," said Ivey. She applied for a position in GUP and was offered the job.

Dan, a native of Indiana, grew up in the shadow of the Golden Dome (Notre Dame), but graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in



Dan and Ivey Wallace

English and history. He received his master's degree in English from the University of Wisconsin in 1974. "After I received my master's I worked for Rodale Press, Inc., in Emmaus, Pa., for a few years," said Dan. "Later, I moved to D.C. and worked for a small publisher called Acropolis Books, as a marketing specialist."

A few years later, Dan started his own commercial real estate newspaper but found that it wasn't his cup of tea. In 1989, he saw a position opening for a marketing coordinator at GUP, applied, and got the job.

Dan and Ivey started to notice each other soon after. Dan began working at GUP, and in November 1990 they were married. Now they both work in Denison House and on the same floor—Dan in one office, Ivey across the hall in another. "We drive in together most of the time," said Dan, "and we bring our two children to the summer camp on campus." Ivey added that both of their children, ages 8 and 5, also attended the Child Development Center.

Looks like Gallaudet is a family oriented place in more ways than one! 



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Gallaudet's first Institute for Economics In Deaf Education

Ten teachers from many parts of the United States polished their skills in teaching deaf and hard of hearing students about the world of economics at Gallaudet's first Institute for Economics in Deaf Education.

Funded by grants from the National Council on Economic Education, various Federal Reserve Banks, and McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, the Institute, which was held on campus the first week in August, provided teachers at the elementary, middle, and high school levels with experiences in how to teach economic concepts to students who are deaf and hard of hearing. Topics that were covered included pricing, supply and demand, monetary policy, inflation, interest rates, and unemployment.

Featured within the Institute, co-taught by Dr. Stephen Chaikind (School of Management)

and Dr. David Martin (School of Education), were special guest presentations by deaf entrepreneurs and a visit to the Federal Reserve Board headquarters. At this session, participants learned about important national and international economic trends from economic educators and met with Dr. Edward Gramlich, a member of the Fed's Board of Governors, the body which periodically meets to determine the money supply and interest rates.

The economics institute for teachers is one of the activities of the newly established Gallaudet Center for Economic Education, part of the network of centers of

the National Council on Economic Education. The Center, whose director is Chaikind and associate director is Martin, will promote economic education for teachers in several ways, including preparation of pre-service teachers on campus and future research projects on economic issues affecting people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

The Institute will be held again next summer for a new group of teachers. Questions can be addressed to either Chaikind (steve.chaikind) or Martin (david.martin). 



Dr Stephen Chaikind (left) and Dr. David Martin (right), co-instructors of Gallaudet's first Institute for Economics in Deaf Education, and teachers participating in the week-long session take a break from their studies.

COMPUTER WHIZ

Everyone knows the importance of safeguarding keys to our prized possessions: houses, cars, safe deposit boxes, luggage, etc. Most people don't give their computer passwords the same consideration. They use words or phrases that can be easily guessed by friends and acquaintances. If you answer yes to the following question you may want to change your password: Is your password the name of a family member? A favorite pet? A hobby? Mother's maiden name? Social Security number?

Birthplace or state? Or favorite friend, movie star, or musician?

So, how do you pick a password that can't be easily guessed? Put two unrelated words together, combined with a number or symbol. For example, white^fly, coffee&key, river4moon, and mouse8cheese.

To change your password in the Domino system, go to: <http://mail.gallaudet.edu/login.nsf/Change+Password>

To change your password on VAX, at the \$ prompt, type: set password 

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The President's Office announces that the "Summer Celebration" picnic will take place on Tuesday, September 7, on Olmsted Green. Steering Committee members for the popular annual shindig hope to top last year's fun-filled celebration with even more sports, entertainment, and prizes. A picnic-style lunch will be served from noon to 2 p.m. Look for more information from the Office of Public Relations in coming weeks.

According to Information Technology Services (ITS), Gallaudet University is in the process of completing upgrades to its fiber optic cabling systems in Benson Hall, Chapel Hall, College Hall, EMG, Fowler Hall, and HMB. Network services in those buildings will be greatly enhanced by the upgrades, according to the ITS. 